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Applicants: S. Chakrabarty et al.

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) Art Unit: 2711

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Dear Sir:

The following remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action dated September 30, 1999.
The Examiner is cordially invited to review the remarks and telephone the undersigned to resolve the outstanding issues if possible, prior to appeal.

Claim 1 has been rejected as being obvious in light of Deerwester, which relates non-hyperlinked documents together and which nowhere appears to mention hyperlinks, in light of Barrett et al., used simply as a teaching that hyperlinked documents exist. In contrast, independent Claim 12 has been rejected as being anticipated by Deerwester, on the ground that Deerwester does not explicitly require its affinity values to be symmetric (although they appear to be) in contrast to the express limitation of Claim 12. Likewise, independent Claim 13 has been rejected as being anticipated by Deerwester, on the ground that Deerwester